

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 4 and 8 have been cancelled. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate claim 4 and new claim 17 has been added to combine the elements of claim 1 and claim 8 that the examiner has found allowable. The amended claims have been amended to put them in condition for allowance.

Claim 1, 2, 3, 6 and 10 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bowman. Claim 1 has been amended to include claim 4 that has been found allowable. Claims 2, 3, 6 and 10 are now dependent on an allowable base claim and therefore should be allowed.

Claim 7 has been rejected under 35 USC 103(a). Claim 7 is now dependent on an allowable base claim and therefore should be allowed.

Claim 5 has been amended to be dependent on claim 1.

Claim 9 has been amended to be dependent on new claim 17 (Combination of claim 1 and claim 8).

Claim 16 was found allowable and is now depended on intervening claims.

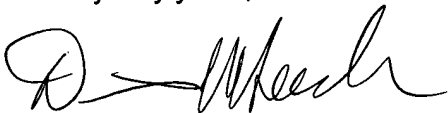
Accordingly it is believed that the rejections under 35 USC Section 103 have been overcome by amending of the claims and the remarks, and withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the cause for rejections and objections is requested. Allowance of claims 1 through 3, 5 through 7 and 9 through 17 is earnestly solicited.

No additional fee for claims is seen to be required.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me.

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